

## Abstract

5 A key verification method is described for a security system including at least one valid key and electronic verification means with a transceiver for communicating with the at least one valid key, the verification means generating an authority for access to a secured object when authentication data is received from the at least one valid key and storing unique identification data for the at least one valid key, the method including accessing the unique identification data for the at least one valid key in one mode of the system, characterized by storing enable data corresponding to the unique identification data for the at least one valid key, a user executing a predetermined procedure to enter a key validation mode of the system, and in the validation mode retaining the enable data for valid keys within range of the transceiver and deleting the enable data for valid keys which are out of range of the transceiver, keys without the enable data being deactivated for the system.

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30 A security system including at least one valid key and electronic verification means with a transceiver for communicating with the at least one valid key, the verification means generating an authority for access to a secured object when authentication data is received from the at least one valid key and storing unique identification data for the at least one valid key, the method having a mode for accessing the unique identification data for the at least one valid key, characterized in that the verification means stores enable data corresponding to the unique identification data for the at least one valid key when activated for the system, and the verification means enters a key validation mode when a

user executes a predetermined procedure, and in the validation mode the enable data is retained for valid keys within range of the transceiver and deleted for valid keys out of range of the transceiver.

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